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Mr. Charles A. Simpson, Contracts Manager  
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Dear Mr. Simpson:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-08RV14800 – THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, OFFICE OF RIVER PROTECTION (ORP) LETTER OF DIRECTION FOR WASTE FEED DELIVERY SYSTEM (WFDS) PROJECTS FISCAL YEAR (FY)-2013 WORKSCOPE

Double-Shell Tank AY-102 has been identified as leaking from the primary tank to the annulus. As a result, ORP has chartered a Joint Integrated Project Team with the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Washington State Department of Health and Washington River Protection Solutions LLC (WRPS), to evaluate the appropriate path forward and make a recommendation to senior management.

In addition, ORP is in the process of evaluating the potential impacts to the overall River Protection Project given Tank AY-102 was considered the initial waste feed tank selected for hot commissioning of the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant (WTP).

The FY-2013 funding for WFDS workscope for AY/AZ-Farm, specifically Tank AY-102 supports future mixer pump and waste transfer operations direct to WTP, which may no longer be feasible. Based upon these uncertainties, ORP has determined that it is in the best interests of the government for WRPS to ramp down and pause the following workscope until such time as a clear path forward has been determined by the government:

- WBS 5.01.04.01.12 AY/AZ Farm Infrastructure
- WBS 5.03.01.07.01 for the Integrated Waste Feed Delivery Plan portion only
- WBS 5.03.02.18.01 WFD-Sample Loop
- WBS 5.03.02.06.01 DST Feed Delivery Project Management (in accordance with the proposed ramp down from associated WBS's)
- WBS 5.03.02.06.03 DST Feed Delivery Safety Analysis
- WBS 5.03.02.06.05 AY-102 Technical Maturation
- WBS 5.03.02.06.06 AY-102 Support Equipment

All WFDS deferred/unfunded scope for FY-2013 should remain unchanged until WRPS receives written approval from ORP to proceed.

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WBS 5.03.02.15.01 AY/AZ Ventilation System Upgrade should continue through to final design only. Initiation of any associated procurement, construction, and safety basis activities requires ORP approval.

WRPS is directed to submit a Baseline Change Request to ORP for approval to reflect this direction.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Isabelle Wheeler, Deputy Federal Project Director, Tank Farm Project, (509) 376-1560.

Sincerely,



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Contracting Officer

cc: C. A. Simpson, WRPS  
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